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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: LIQUID PROCESSING APPARATUS AND LIQUID PROCESSING

**METHOD** 

## **ELECTION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the election requirement dated January 22, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse Group I corresponding to Claims 1-16 and indicated in the outstanding Action as being drawn to a liquid processing apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 52. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Group I corresponding to Claims 1-16 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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